MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(2)

TO:

Hon. Chairperson and Members

Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

June 3, 2003

FROM:

Robert A. Ginsburg

County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Federal government to adopt pro-worker hiring and wage policies with respect to the construction of the new Federal Courthouse

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.

County Attorney

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Plea	se note any items checked.
	"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
	6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
	4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
	Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
	Budget required
	Statement of fiscal impact required
	Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
	Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
	Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
	No committee review

Approved	Mayor	Agenda Item No.	10(A)(2)
Veto		6-3-03	
Override			
	RESOLUTION NO.		

RESOLUTION URGING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT PRO-WORKER HIRING AND WAGE POLICIES SIMILAR TO THOSE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT IN MIAMIDADE COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO ALL WORK PERFORMED ON THE NEW FEDERAL COURTHOUSE IN DOWNTOWN MIAMI

WHEREAS, the Code of Miami-Dade County contains numerous provisions designed to empower local workers to find high-quality jobs and to ensure that they are paid a "living wage" for their labor; and

WHEREAS, these local efforts have improved the working conditions and living conditions for many members of this community; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the new Federal Courthouse in downtown Miami is currently underway, and requires the labor and efforts of hundreds of workers; and

WHEREAS, the hiring, wage, and benefits terms of these courthouse-related jobs are determined by the federal government and its policies, rather than by Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the federal government does not have as part of its contracting and procurement systems many of the provisions that exist at the County level to empower and compensate workers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

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Section 1. The federal government should adopt pro-worker policies similar to those currently in effect in Miami-Dade County for the benefit and protection of all workers and laborers who will construct the new Federal Courthouse in downtown Miami. In particular, it is further urged that the federal government adopt policies to ensure that local workers are afforded full and fair opportunity to secure employment on this federal project, and that these workers receive a "living wage" for their labor.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the U.S. Senate and the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. General Services Administration, and the Chair of the Miami-Dade County Legislative delegation.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro Jose "Pepe" Diaz Sally A. Heyman Jimmy L. Morales Dorrin D. Rolle Katy Sorenson Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler Betty T. Ferguson Joe A. Martinez Dennis C. Moss Natacha Seijas Rebeca Sosa

Sen. Javier D. Souto

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of June, 2003. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By:______ Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

del

Richard B. Rosenthal